

fluid waste, said fluid waste including protein, fat, and water". Claim 1 as amended further defines "protein solubles mixture" as being comprised of "a mixture of said ground protein waste and said enzymatic digest medium". It is believed that these terms are made clear and definite by the amendments to claim 1, and claim 1 therefore satisfies the provisions of 35 U.S.C. section 112 and is in condition for allowance. Because claims 2-11 and 17-20 depend upon claim 1, it is believed that these claims are also in condition for allowance.

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify the composition of the "enzymatic digest medium." This amendment is supported by the recitation in the application in the paragraph ending on page 7 and beginning on page 8 of the application that the enzymatic digest medium can include inedible egg substance or "other fluid wastes such as outdated ice cream, molasses, milk by products, and others that include proteins, fat, and water". Claim 1 has further been amended to clarify the composition of the "protein solubles mixture". As noted in previously amended claim 1, the "protein solubles mixture" is produced by "grinding protein waste and mixing said waste with said enzymatic digest medium". This step is reiterated in the paragraph beginning on page 8 and ending on page 9 of the application. The amendment to claim 1 clarifying the composition of "protein solubles mixture" is therefore well supported by the application. Claim 1 was also amended to add the term "a" between the terms "to" and "pH" as suggested by the Examiner.

Claim 2 was amended to be consistent with the clarifying amendment to claim 1. New Claim 21 is dependent on claim 1 and is supported by the paragraph ending on page 7 and beginning on page 8 of the application. New claim 22 is based upon previously

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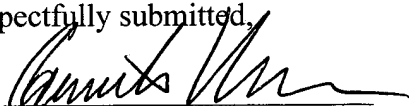
presented claim 2 rewritten in independent form. New claim 23 is based upon previously presented claim 4 and depends upon new claim 22. New claim 24 is based upon previously presented claim 10 and depends upon new claim 22. New claim 25 is based upon previously presented claim 11 and depends upon new claim 24.

A marked-up version of the amended claims is enclosed. No new matter has been added by virtue of these amendments and consideration of these amended claims is respectfully requested. Applicant respectfully contends that no further search is required; the amendments to the claims have not altered the composition of any of the starting compositions or intermediate compositions used in the process claimed in claim 1.

The Applicant respectfully requests these claims and the application as a whole be reconsidered and suggests that the application is now in condition for allowance.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number No. 50-3021 belonging to Brown Winick Law Firm.

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